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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Brian Seed et al. Art Unit: 1636
Serial No.: 08/717,294 Examiner: Degen, N.
Filed: September 20, 1996
Title: HIGH LEVEL EXPRESSION OF PROTEINS

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PETITION TO SUSPEND ACTION ON APPLICATION

Applicant hereby petitions to suspend action on the above-referenced application.

In an Office Action mailed January 29, 1999, the claims in this case were rejected, under 35 U.S.C. § 102, pending correction of inventorship in U.S. Patent No. 5,786,464 and corresponding PCT application, WO 96/09378. Applicants have inquired as to the status of their petition to correct inventorship of the '464 patent and have been informed that a decision on the petition has not yet been reached by the U.S. Patent Office. To appropriately respond to the current Office Action, applicants therefore request that prosecution of this application be suspended until such time as (i) a decision on

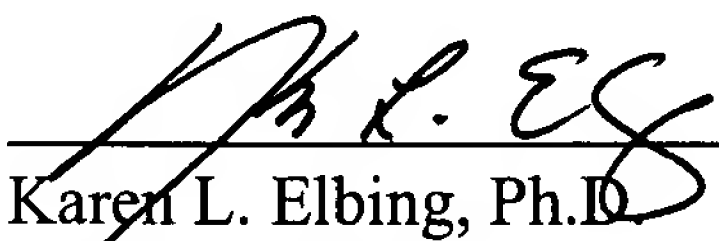
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inventorship of the '464 patent is received from the U.S. Patent Office, (ii) this decision may be forwarded to the PCT Office and correction of the corresponding PCT application accomplished, and (iii) notification of these inventorship corrections may be timely transmitted to the present Examiner.

A check for the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is submitted herewith. If there are any charges, or any credits, please apply them to Deposit Account No. 03-2095.

Respectfully submitted,

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